

**AMENDMENTS**

**To the Specification**

**Please replace the following paragraph in the specification as follows:**

**Page 67, line 21 to page 68, line 2**

*Met*-JHR also contains the "LXXLL" motif which likens *Met* to steroid receptor co-activators. Although this motif is found in many proteins, it plays a significant role in proteins that interact with co-activators of steroid receptors. LXXLL also has been found in a bHLH-PAS protein that is a cofactor (ACTR) [Chen *et al. Cell* 90:569 (1997)] that is amplified in breast cancer-1 (AIBC). Anzisk *et al. Science* 277:965 (1977). This bHLH-PAS protein (ACTR/AIBC) interacts with a steroid receptor, and is part of the multi-protein complex that potentiates the signal from the steroid receptor ligand.